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'Hate and Scare'

"Operation Abolition," a film showing scenes of student rioting at hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco, has, I suppose, as its purpose the education of American citizens to the threat of communism. After viewing this film last Friday evening, I would say that Khrushchev's propaganda machine has nothing on the people that made and support this film.

Recently headlining our newspapers is another organization that is dedicated to fight communism, the "John Birch Society." The head of the society has brought into focus many "communist agents."

After reading the charges made against these people I was quite relieved to learn that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, U.S. communist chairman, refuted the society's charge that "Ike" was a communist agent saying, "That's ridiculous, of course."

So it is with "Operation Abolition," a stepping stone in a "Hate and Scare Campaign."

I, too, believe that something should be done about the threat of communism, but not the "Operation Abolition" or "John Birch Society" way. We must educate the people of this country to communism, not by showing them films of riots, but by giving them a rational understanding of communism.

As Allen W. Dulles, director of the CIA said: "We as a people have never given to the study of communism... the depth and breadth of effort sufficient to understand it adequately and to gird to meet it. It can not be done merely by the setting up of new machinery of government or the creating of a cold war executive, or such measures."

"We need far and wide in the country more education on the whole history of the communist movement."

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"... Our students are not yet afforded a broad opportunity to gain the essential background knowledge of communist history and policy. And we should start this education in our secondary schools."

I close this letter on the words of Thomas Jefferson, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free... it expects what never was and never will be."

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